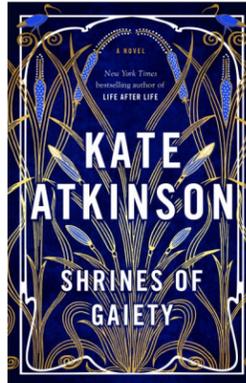


October 9th

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

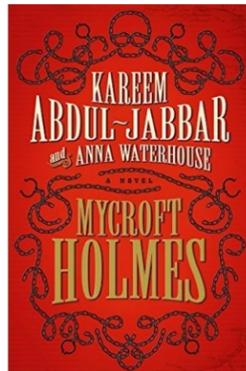
From the opening words, the reader is ushered into an isolated gray stone mansion on the windswept Cornish coast, as the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter recalls the chilling events that transpired as she began her new life as the young bride of a husband she barely knew. For in every corner of every room were phantoms of a time dead but not forgotten—a past preserved by the sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. (HarperCollins)



November 6th

Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson

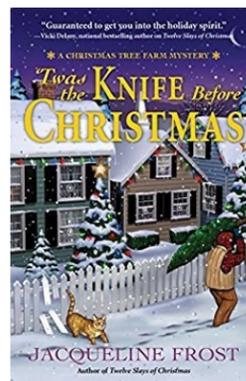
In the clubs of 1926 London, peers of the realm rub shoulders with starlets, foreign dignitaries with gangsters, and girls sell dances for a shilling a time. The notorious queen of this world is Nellie Coker. But success breeds enemies, and Nellie's empire faces threats from without and within. For beneath Soho's gaiety, there is a dark underbelly, a world in which it is all too easy to become lost. (Penguin Random House)



December 4th

Mycroft Holmes by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar & Anna Waterhouse

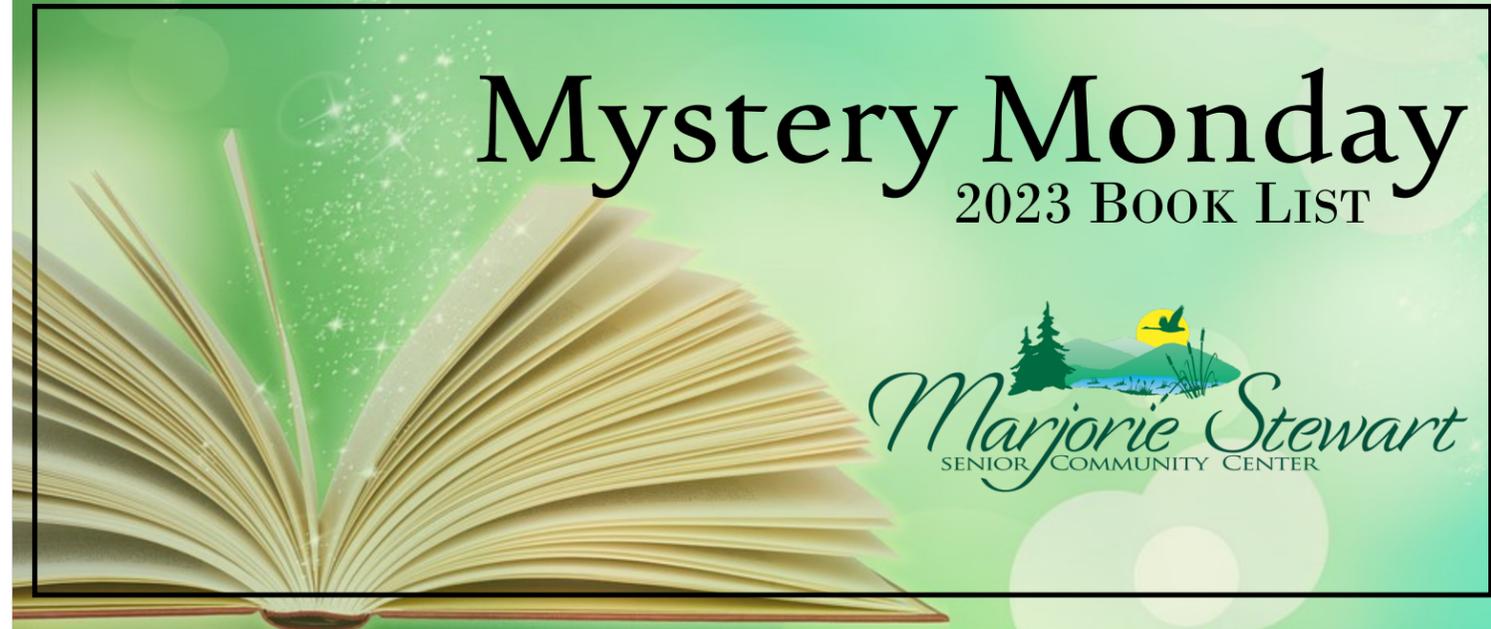
There are rumors of mysterious disappearances, strange footprints in the sand, and spirits enticing children to their deaths, their bodies found drained of blood. Fresh out of Cambridge University, the young Mycroft Holmes is already making a name for himself in government. The mystery draws Holmes and his closest friend into a web of dark secrets that grows more treacherous with each step they take... (Penguin Random House)



January 8th

'Twas the Knife Before Christmas by Jacqueline Frost

Holly's up to her jingle bells in holiday shenanigans and in desperate need of a miracle. Extra shifts at her family's Christmas tree farm and making enough jewelry to satisfy the crowd is already more than she can handle, and now she has to find time to clear her best friend of murder. Add in her budding relationship with the sheriff, and a personal stalker dressed as Santa Claus, and Holly's ready to fly south. (Penguin Random House)



**WELCOME TO ANOTHER YEAR OF
MSSCC MYSTERY**

If you are a fan of mysteries, these book selections cover the rainbow – we read everything from gothic mysteries with supposed ghosts, to cozy Christmas murders. This year we are looking forward to continuing our exploration by reading some classics of the genre as well as books that have been published in the last year. We have a wealth of themes to talk about in these books, some really meaty—others a little lighter.

The Mystery Monday Book Group meets the first Monday of each month at 4pm. As of the time of writing, we are meeting using Zoom. If you're not able to attend a meeting using Zoom, you have the option to call in or to attend at the center. There are a limited number of books reserved for checkout behind the front desk of the Sherwood Library a month before the meeting for each book. We look forward to reading with you!

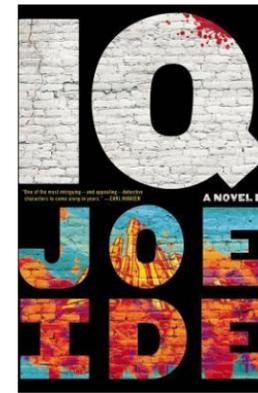
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February 6th

Detective Inspector Huss by Helen Tursten

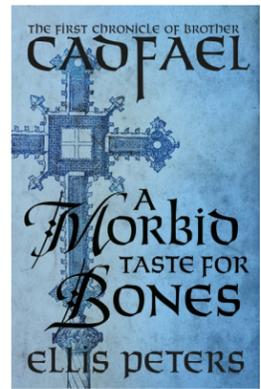
One of the most prominent citizens of Göteborg, Sweden plunges to his death off an apartment balcony, but what appears to be a “society suicide” soon reveals itself to be a carefully plotted murder. Irene Huss finds herself embroiled in a complex and high-stakes investigation. As Huss and her team begin to uncover the victim’s hidden past, they are dragged into Sweden’s seamy underworld of street gangs, struggling immigrants, and neo-Nazis to catch the killer. (Penguin Random House)



June 5th

IQ by Joe Ide

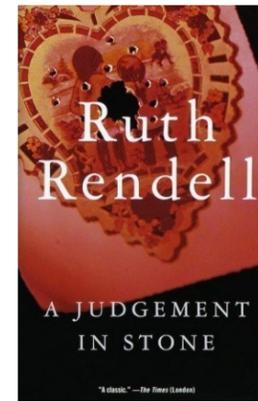
East Long Beach. The LAPD is barely keeping up with the neighborhood’s high crime rate. Murders go unsolved, lost children unrecovered. But someone from the neighborhood has taken it upon himself to help solve the cases the police can’t or won’t touch. They call him IQ. He’s a loner and a high school dropout, his unassuming nature disguising a relentless determination and a fierce intelligence. (Mulholland Books)



March 6th

A Morbid Taste for Bones by Ellis Peters

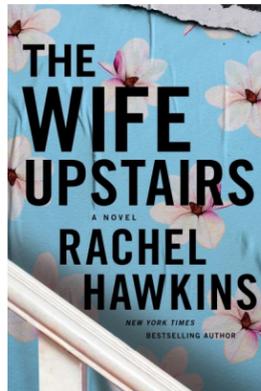
It is 1137, and the head of the Shrewsbury Abbey wishes to acquire Saintly remains for the glory of his Benedictine order. Brother Cadfael is part of the expedition, where he finds the locals divided over the quest. When the leading opponent is shot dead with a mysterious arrow, Brother Cadfael doesn’t know he may dig up a case of love and justice, where the waves of sin may be scandal—or his own ruin. (Mysterious Press)



July 3rd

A Judgement in Stone by Ruth Rendell

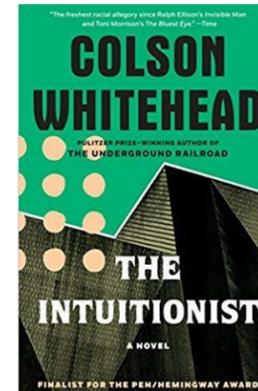
On Valentine’s Day, four members of the Coverdale family were murdered. Their housekeeper, Eunice Parchman, shot them one by one in the blue light of a televised performance of Don Giovanni. When the police arrest Miss Parchman two weeks later, they discover a second tragedy: the key to the Valentine’s Day massacre, a private humiliation Eunice Parchman has guarded all her life. (Penguin Random House)



April 3rd

The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins

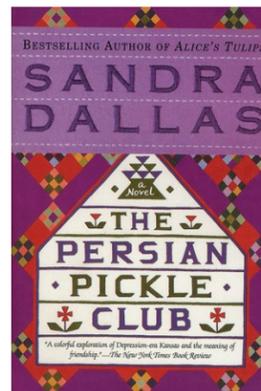
Newly arrived to Birmingham, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates. Eddie is Thornfield Estates’ most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep. As Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea. Can she win Eddie’s heart before her past—or his—catches up to her. (MacMillan Publishers)



August 7th

The Intuitionist by Colson Whitehead

There are two warring factions within the Department of Elevator Inspectors: the Empiricists and the Intuitionists. Lila Mae is an Intuitionist with the highest accuracy rate in the entire department. But when an elevator in a new city building goes into total freefall on her watch, chaos ensues. She goes underground to investigate the crash and finds a secret that will change her life forever. (Penguin Random House)



May 8th

The Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas

It is the 1930s, and hard times have hit Harveyville, Kansas, where the crops are burning up and there's not a job to be found. For Queenie Bean, a young farm wife, a highlight of each week is the gathering of the Persian Pickle Club, a group of local ladies. When a new member of the club stirs up a dark secret, the women must band together to support and protect one another. (MacMillan Publishers)



September 11th

My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Korede’s sister Ayoola is many things: the favorite child, the beautiful one, possibly sociopathic. And now Ayoola’s third boyfriend in a row is dead, stabbed through the heart with Ayoola’s knife. Korede’s practicality is the sisters’ saving grace. She knows the best solutions for cleaning blood and the best way to move a body. As the bodies stack, Korede must reckon with what her sister has become and how far she’s willing to go to protect her. (Penguin Random House)